



Washington County
Office of the Judge Executive



Proclamation

GREETINGS TO WHOM ALL THESE PRESENTS
SHALL COME, KNOW YE THAT

- Whereas, Kentucky was the first state of the trans-Appalachian wilderness, a gateway to the West; and*
- Whereas, Thousands of settlers passed through this verdant land of diversity and contrast, some staying, and some moving on; and*
- Whereas, From earliest times, Kentuckians have left records, diaries, letters and images, which capture for us their day and time; and*
- Whereas, This documentary legacy is a rich heritage of all Kentuckians that informs our understanding of our shared historical experience; and*
- Whereas, These records are preserved and made available in numerous archives, special collections, libraries, and other repositories across the state; and*
- Whereas, The records of Washington County contain documents verifying the marriage of President Abraham Lincoln's parents and are important in documenting the history of our Commonwealth and nation; and*
- Whereas, The work of archivist and others who care for these resources is of lasting benefit to this and future generations of Kentuckians.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John A. Settles, Judge Executive of Washington County, commend those who care for our documentary heritage, encourage all citizens of Washington County to learn more about our archives, and declare the period, October 9th – 15th, 2005, to be **KENTUCKY ARCHIVES WEEK.**

Done this day 9-30, 2005, in Springfield, Kentucky.

John A. Settles